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(54) **Automatic detection method and system**

(57) A method and system for capturing images. First, a preview image of a scene is captured. Next, an automatic determination (110) is made whether the scene is a document. When it is determined that the scene is a document, at least one camera control (e.g.,

710-740) is set to a value that is tailored for document capture (138). The scene is then captured (138) using the set camera controls. Image processing (144) that is tailored for documents is then performed on the captured scene.

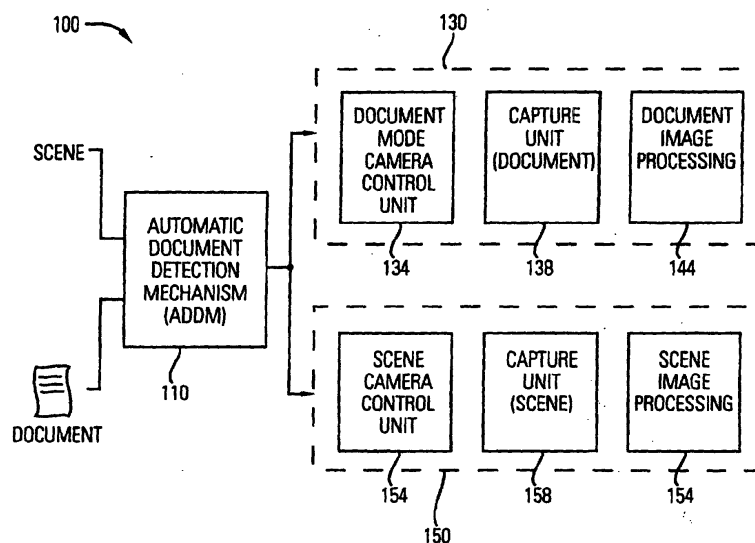


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